第3話（だいわ）

「妖子（YOUKO）真淵沢湖（MABUCHIZAWA）

＜前編（ぜんぺん）PART1＞」

You'll find 'em.
Anywhere you look,
Where it's damp, and the air is stale.
'Course, you always see more of the creeps in places like this,
But even if I pointed 'em out, a normal person like you wouldn't see more than a bunch of bugs.
Fact is, these.. THINGS can bubble up anywhere.
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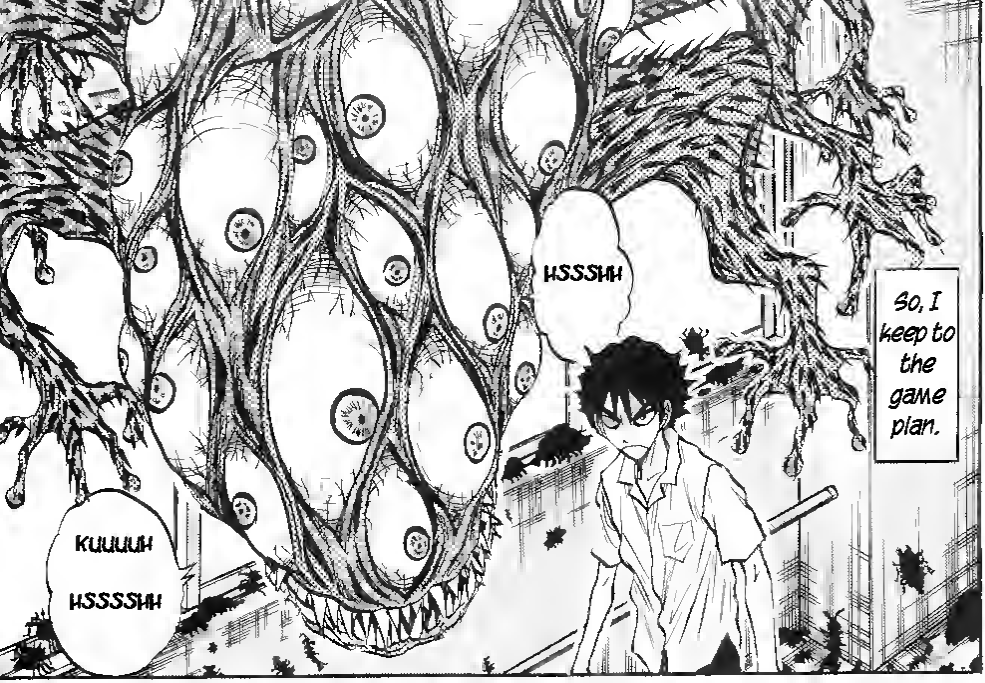
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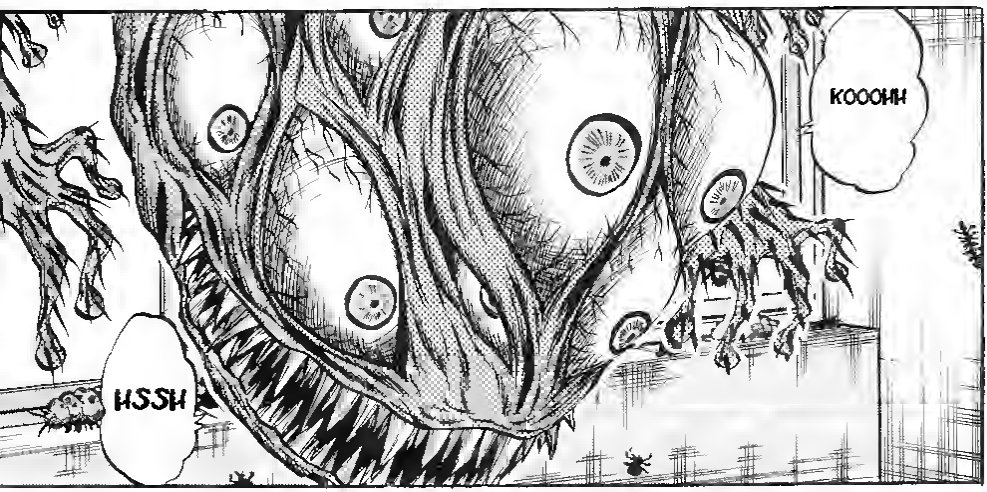
So, I keep to the game plan.
KUUUUH
HSSSSHH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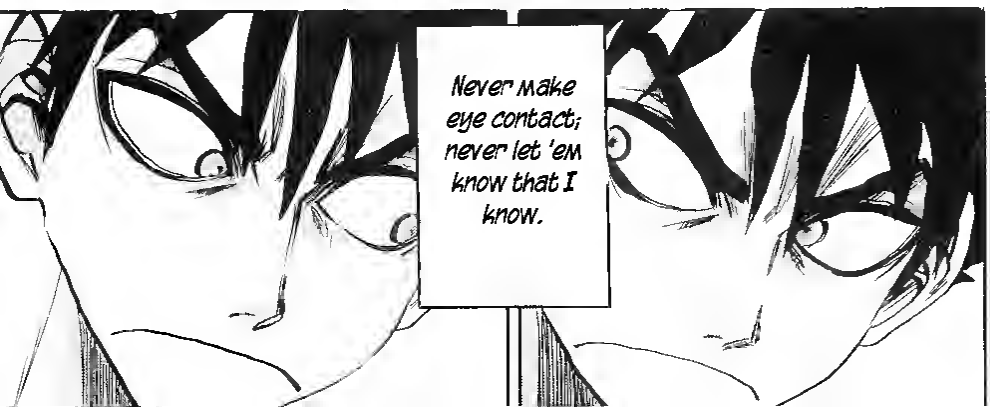
Never make eye contact; never let 'em know that I know.

If they catch me looking, they might realize I'm on to 'em, and then then they'll come after me.
I'm sure you understand, but I prefer to go our seperate ways.
One of the little rules to live by in my world.
So I face forward, and ignore them.
2-C

YOUKO MABUCHIZAWA

AGE: 14

I bet you heard about Mei from A-block? Well, he's me.
Hey, you. You're Youko? Youko Mabu-chizawa?
Got a little too close to some nasty critter a few days back, yeah? Read all about it.
Well, now it's haunting your dumb ass and we gotta get rid of it 'fore it's too late,
So get packed, and we'll head back to your pla-

Urk..
SPLAT
You got a real big mouth..

If you cop an attitude like that whenever you come barging in,
Don't be so surprised when someone pops ya one.
YOU GOTTA BE POLITE WHEN THERE'S A LADY PRESENT,
SEE?!

THE Mei Kigata, huh? Yeah, I heard 'bout you... the freak with the evil news rag!
Laugh all you want, it's real, and so're the predictions.
Unless I change your fate, you're dead by dawn.
Cursed this, haunted that.. no wonder you got no friends!
Ever think about seeing a shrink? Heh heh!
..The hell for?
Here I was thinkin'
You were just tryin' to hit on me back there!
Well, well, aren't we gallant?
Y'know..

This ain't no game, got it?
If we don't get rid of that thing possessing you, you're not the only one who gets burned.
WELL, I'LL ADMIT YOU ARE RIGHT ABOUT SOMETHING LIVING WITH ME..

And I don't think I'll give it up.
!
But!
Get over your little exorcist daydream, 'cause I'm getting to like the little Bella,
If someone likes it, there's no difference between a ghost and a goldfish.
If that's what you call "haunted," fine by me,
BUT I DECIDE WHAT'S WORTH CARING ABOUT!!

She WHAT?! That thing's already got its hooks into her!
W.. but.. if we don't..
You might be wondering why I'm still bringing you here?
Well, I got something else for you to do, y'see.
Say what?!
Now, c'mon in

Yeah, whatever.
Don't think you can rummage under my bed or huff my dirty socks and underwear.
Just 'cause I'm letting you in,
Oh, one more thing.

Get on with it!
What-ever shall I do?
Oh, the poor boy! So madly smitten!
Just a whiff of their beloved's under-garments can drive them wild!
Men are such brutes, you know.

Have a seat wherever, I'll grab him.
So where is it?
Okay, okay. Come in.
I've had about enough of..

Here, say hello to my little friend!
I kept him in this box here so no one would find him!
Mm-kay!

AJI
GREEEEEE!!

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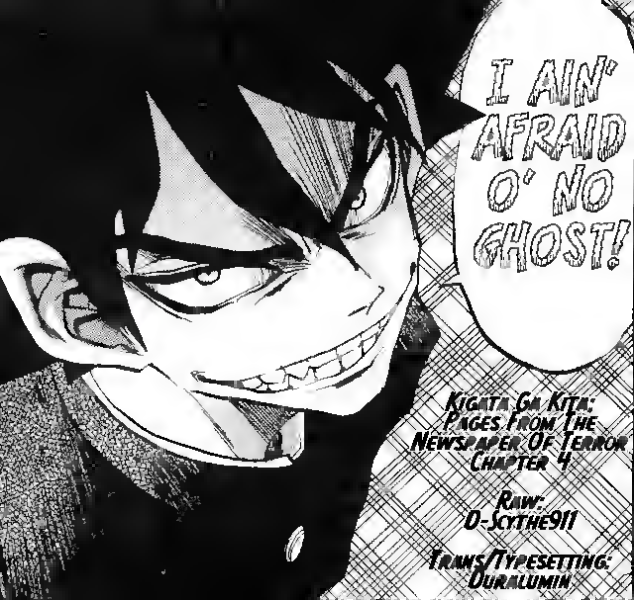
Wormy
A GENERALLY CALM AND GOOD-NATURED SPIRIT, SUSPECTED OF BEING BORN FROM A CAT. ATTRACTED TO HUMANS.
GEREE
GREEEL
I call him Wormy, ain't he cute?
He really likes canned tuna, so I think he must've been a cat.
Good God, this' the nastiest one I've seen yet!
So this is what's got hold of her..
GRLL
RUB
GROO
RUB
And she calls it cute?! She really is in trouble..

GEEE
RUB
RUB
SLRP
SLP
Wouldja look at that? I think he likes you!
PURR
PRGRRRR
GEE
GREE
And so..
GROWR
GRO-EEE
Nope, forget it. No way I can call this cute.
Well, if you set aside the fact that it's a damn monster...

GRURL!
GOOO
Let's get down t' brass tacks, Mister Knower of the Unknown..
YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME HOW TO RAISE THIS THING, AND KEEP IT LIVE AND WELL!
Won't you help me out? I can't turn to anyone but you for this kind of freak business.
'Sides, I flashed you the goods a second ago, so let's call it a trade
K-K-K-
KEEP IT?!



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